

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-06-09**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 8, 2015

Commission Meeting: June 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 25, 2015.

2. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2015.5.41 (Elizabeth)

On May 8, 2015, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU), filed a revised tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 10th Revised Sheet No. 4) for Commission approval. The revised tariff is being submitted to reflect a change in Heating Zones 211 and 18. WBI Energy has informed MDU that two new heating zones, Heating Zones 213 and 181, have been added to WBI Energy's system that were previously part of Zones 211 and 18 as of April 1 and May 1, 2015 respectively. Probable Motion: Move to approve MDU's tariff filing.

3. Continuum Retail Energy Services, LLC (N2015.5.43) (Joel)

On May 14, 2015 the Commission received the application of Continuum Retail Energy Services for a license to supply natural gas in Montana to large commercial and industrial customers. (Continuum initially requested to serve residential customers as well, but subsequently withdrew that request.) Staff has reviewed this application and recommends approval. Probable Motion: Move to approve application of Continuum Energy for a natural gas supplier license in the State of Montana.

4. Electric City Party Productions T-15.21.PCN (Brenda)

On April 22, 2015 James Poitra dba Electric City Party Productions, Great Falls, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on May 6, 2015. No protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of authority as requested.

Class B-Passengers, in non-rate regulated service, between all points and places in Great Falls, Montana and a thirty (30) miles radius.

5. A and B Taxi Company T-15.22.PCN (Nickie)

On April 24, 2015 Tom Kinghorn and Amanda Huf dba A and B Taxi Company, Butte, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public

convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on May 6, 2015. No protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of authority as requested.

Class B-Passengers in rate regulated service between all points and places in Silver Bow County, Montana.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2014.1.11 – PSC-Initiated – Investigation of Hedging Mechanisms Available to NorthWestern Energy – Provide direction to staff. (6/9/15)
2. D2014.11.95 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Authority for Deferred Accounting – Discuss and act on Application. (6/9/15)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink N2015.4.38 (Gary)

On May 29, 2015 CenturyTel filed revised intrastate Access Service Tariff pages reflecting the fourth step in implementing the “Transition Intrastate Access Service” reductions mandated by the Federal Communications Commission’s November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Dockets No. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161 sometimes referred to as the FCC “Transformation Order”). CenturyTel is requesting a July 1, 2015 effective date.

2. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC N2015.4.38 (Gary)

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. CenturyTel of Montana dba Century Link N2015.4.38 (Gary)

On May 29, 2015 CenturyTel filed a *Motion for Protective Order* in Docket No. N2015.4.38 – In The Matter Of the FCC's Ordered July 1, 2015 Transition of Intrastate Access Charges. CenturyTel wishes to protect certain information to be filed in conjunction with its July 1, 2015 FCC mandated transitional fourth step intrastate access tariff reduction. Specifically, CenturyTel seeks to protect its ICC model used to calculate its new intrastate access tariff rates, and certain access demand data included in the model.

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3. Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink D2014.11.91 (Jeremiah)

On May 20, 2015, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink filed a *Motion for Protective Order* to keep confidential information responsive to data request PSC-015. Specifically, information related to "project description" and "description" columns that contain the specific addresses, geographic locations and work descriptions for specific CAF 1 related upgrades. Additionally, the Motion seeks to protect "cross-connect (project)" column that

contains the specific addresses of cross-connect locations for CAF 1 upgrades.

4. Frontier Communications N2015.4.39 (Gary)

On June 1, 2015, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana dba Frontier Communications of Montana filed a *Motion for Protective Order* in Docket No. N2015.4.39 – In the Matter of the 2015 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. In its Motion, Frontier requests to protect certain FCC Form 481 information which must be filed with this Commission on or before July 1, 2015. Specifically, Frontier seeks to protect the information contained in the FCC Form 481 report lines 200, 320, 330, and 710 which contain information regarding network service outages, unfilled service requests, and broadband pricing by town / exchange and speed.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2015.2.18 (Laura)

On March 4, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the *Motion for Protective Order* of NorthWestern relating to site-specific wind data and associated meteorological data prepared or acquired by CREP developers for their projects, landowner development agreements, turbine contracts including warranty and service provisions, and financial data such as capital or pro forma financials. On February 20, 2015, NorthWestern filed its *Motion for Protective Order and Affidavit of Bleau J. LaFave*. See Order 7395a.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2015.6.47 - In the Matter of the Proposed Merger of Triangle Telephone Cooperative and Central Montana Communications, Inc.